THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The trade figures are compiled on the financial year basis. India's imports during April-December, 1991 amounted to Rs. 34238 crores. The import bills for the previous three years were Rs. 28235 crores for 1988-89, Rs. 35412 crores for 1989-90 and Rs. 43171 crores for 1990-91.

(b) Broadly the canalised imports relate to the import of cereals and cereal preparations, fertilizers, edible oil, nonferrous metals, Paper, paper-board and newsprint, Sugar, Metalliferrous Ores & Metals crap, Iron & Steel, Petroleum and Petroleum products. The import of these items amounted to Rs. 10366 crores during 1988-89, Rs. 13535 crores in 1989-90 and Rs. 17989 crores in 1990-91.

(c) and (d) The question of decanalisation of import of raw materials, etc. is being considered in connection with the new Import-Export Policy to be announced on 1.4.1992.

Restructuring the Foreign Trade Offices under the Ministry of Commerce

48. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any programme to restructure the foreign trade offices under his Ministry;

(b) what are the details of trade offices in foreign countries under his Ministry and the amount of foreign exchange spent on them countrywise; and

(c) whether Government are thinking of restructuring the policy towards the foreign offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (c) Yes, Sir,

(b) Details of trade offices in foreign countries and amount of foreign exchange spent thereon during 90-91 are given in the statement attached.

Statement

	Location (Country)		Name of office	Expenditure incurred during (90-91) in lkh. in FFE
	1		2	3
	New York	U.S.A.	MPEDA	26.53
			Tea Board	45.27
			TDA	45.40
			STC	67.31
	Brussels	Belgium	ITC	128.00
			Tea Board	123.09
	Frankfurt		TDA	53.13
		German	STC	97.33
	Berlin		STC	12.15
	Tokyo	Japan	TDA	71.18
			MMTC	62.52
			MPEDA	40.76
	London	(U.K.)	Tea Board	162.69
			STC	93.86
(Since Closed)	Sydney		Tea Board	23.91
	Melborne	Australia	STC	23.58
(Since closed)	Dubai	UAE	TDA	12.85
	Cairo	Egypt	Tea Board	15.12
(Since closed)	Kuwait		Tea Board	6.32
			STC	8.49
(Since closed)	Harare	Zimbabwe	TDA	10.89
			STC	4.72
			PEC	4.80
	Kualalampur	Malaysia	TDA	7.49
	Hong Kong		STC	42.03
	Jeddah	(S. Arabia)	STC	28.51
	Nairobi	(Kenya)	STC	4.80
			PEC	4.08
	Singapore	City	STC	40.70
	Male	(Maldives)	STC	3.54
	Paris	(France)	STC	52.26
	Moscow	(USSR)	STC	11.61
			PEC	26.46
	Seoul	(S.Korea)	MMTC	38.51
	Amman	(Jordan)	MMTC	15.01
	Bucharest	(Romania)	MMTC	18.71
	Vietnam		PEC	12.36
				1445.97

कृषि-उत्पादों के निर्यात पर प्रतिबन्धों का विरोध

49. **डा० बापू कालदाते** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि किसान संगठनों ने कृषि-उत्पादों के निर्यात पर लगाये गये प्रतिबन्धों के विरुद्ध महाराष्ट्र में 500 से अधिक स्थानों पर "रास्ता रोको" आन्दोलन चलाया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इन प्रतिबन्धों को हटाने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और